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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 at line 26 and continuing to page 4 at line 13 (paragraph [0014] of U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2004/0254286) with the following:

The term "microfibers", as used herein, refers to particulate materials that can be generally described as fibers because of their aspect ratios. Preferred microfibers for use in the polyesters and in the processes for making the polyesters as disclosed herein have aspect ratios from about 10:1 to about 500:1, more preferably from about 25:1 to about 300:1. For example, some preferred fibers have volume average lengths of about 0.1 to about 100 microns and diameters of up to about 8 to 12 microns. Generally the microfibers also have an average surface area ranging from 25 to 500 square meters per gram. However, these dimensions are approximations only. Moreover, the use of the term "diameter" is not intended to convey that the microfibers are required to be cylindrical in shape or circular in cross-section. The microfibers may also be referred to as "nanofibers", which is an indication that in at least one dimension, the size of the particulate materials is on the order of nanometers. Microfibers, particularly when in the form of a slurry or dispersion, may also be referred to as "micropulp", or as "nanopulp". The term "microfibers" is used herein to refer to the fibers whether or not they are in the form of a slurry.